

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: November 1, 2019

Roller Skating in the Armory

The joyful sounds of roller skates and music will be returning to the Cottage Grove Armory on Sunday, November 3rd. There will be three sessions for skaters to enjoy; a Kids Skate from noon to 2:00 pm; All Ages Skate from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and 18 & over Skate from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. A \$5 skate rental gets entry and without skate rental entry fee of \$1. Indoor skates only will be allowed. This initial skate event will test to see the viability of bringing skating to the Armory on a more regular basis.

Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, November 4th from 6:45 to 8:00 pm at City Hall.

Resilience Collaboration

The Police Chief, Public Works & Development Director and City Manager attended a summit discussing opportunities to cooperate and collaborate regionally to build resilience to disasters. Councilor Boone also attended as a part of his studies at the University and also as a City Councilor. The summit was organized to begin the discussions and to explore the opportunities to create a regional body to collaborate to better prepare, respond and recover from disasters within the region.

The Turkeys Will Drop Again

The Cottage Grove Main Street program is bringing back the turkey drop but changing it up a bit this year. The Small Business Saturday Pre-Sale is based off the historical tradition documented in the Morlock film collection of downtown Cottage Grove when live turkeys were tossed from rooftops to an eager crowd below. Fast forward to 2019, stuffed animal turkeys will be tossed off the Axe & Fiddle building onto 7th Street in front of All-America City Square, on Saturday, November 23rd at noon. If you catch a turkey, you will be entered in a drawing and may have the chance of winning a turkey dinner. Visit (and then “Like”) Main Street Cottage Grove on Facebook for more information.

Finance Department Welcomes a New Part-Time Finance Clerk

Please join us in welcoming Jessica Recinos to the Finance Department staff. She will be working part-time, in the Finance Clerk position, newly created this fiscal year. She has been employed in the banking field, and has an account degree from Lane Community College. We are very excited to have her as a member of the department.

The Many Pumpkins of Halloween

The 2019 City Staff Pumpkin Contest once again had an amazing display of creativity and imagination. Thank you to all that participated in creating the display and to all our judges that had the difficult task of judging the entries. The pumpkin display has become a staple of the downtown Trick or Treat event and this year was no exception. Trick or Treaters came to City Hall to see the pumpkins –



some looked at the pumpkins before even getting candy. This year there were 16 entries in the competition. All of the entries were amazing, we wish could have prizes for all the creations, however for the three categories the winning creations were:

	Scariest	Funniest	Best Department Theme
1 st Place	City Attorney	Police	Water Production
2 nd Place	Building/Code Enforcement	I.T.	Development
3 rd Place	<i>Tie</i> Middlefield Pro Shop Public Work	Library	Finance

Again, thank you to everyone that participated. We can't wait to see next year's creations.

City Wide Fire Hydrant Flushing

On Monday, November 4th the City's Utility Crew will start flushing all of the water lines in Cottage Grove using the fire hydrants. The flushing will begin at the water reservoirs and work towards downtown Monday, November 4th through Thursday. On weeks two and three the hydrants will be flushed working from the center of town out. This will ensure the lines are flushed in a manner not to disturb lines that had been previously cleaned. Flushing of the lines is intended to remove fine mineral particles lining the inside of the water lines. When large quantities of water are used, such as fighting fires, this material is stirred up in the lines and causes discoloration in the drinking water. The discolored water is safe to use and drink as it has been treated.

If you notice your water is discolored please run cold water until the discoloration has cleared up. In most cases it clears up fairly quick. In this month's City Utility bill there is a detailed description of the flushing process and what to do if you experience discolored water and answers to frequently asked questions.

The City's website has additional information at <https://www.cottagegrove.org/publicworks/page/hydrant-flushing-program>. If you have further

questions or concerns please call the Public Works and Development Department at (541)942-3349. The flushing is planned to be completed on November 18th.

Leaf Vacuum

The Utility Crew has been out this past week using the new leaf vacuum removing leaves from the street. The crew is getting familiar with the new piece of equipment before the City wide leaf pickup begins the week of November 12th. The second and third leaf pickups will be the weeks of December 2nd and December 16th. For more information on the leaf pickup please go to <https://www.cottagegrove.org/publicworks/page/leaf-pickup-program>.

Library Hosting Famed Rick Bartow Drawings

During the month of November, the Cottage Grove Library is hosting internationally famous artist Rick Bartow's collection of author drawings he titled "From the Heart".

Bartow (1946-2016) was considered one of the nation's most prominent contemporary Native American artists. Bartow was a member of the Mad River Band of Wiyot Indians, a small tribe indigenous to Humboldt County, California. He primarily created pastel, graphite, and mixed media drawings, wood sculpture, acrylic paintings, drypoint etchings, monotypes, and a small number of ceramic works.

His carving, "The Cedar Mill Pole," was displayed at the White House. Bartow's work can be found at various locations across the nation, including at the Brooklyn Museum in New York; the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C.; the Hallie Ford Museum of Art in Salem; the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona; and the Portland Art Museum.

Bartow's monumental cedar sculptures "We Were Always Here" were commissioned by the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, and sit on the Northwest corner of the museum overlooking the National Mall.

And now, for a limited time, Library patrons can find 17 of Bartow's drawings on display here locally. His literary portraits feature simple lines and striking color, layered upon a title page, letter or other text item. Bartow used his left hand to write each author's name to create a childlike effect. This unique collection is on loan from the Newport Public Library and will be on display at the Cottage Grove Library from November 4-30, 2019.

Quote of the Week

"You shouldn't change what you are in the search for success."

~ Sissy Spacek ~